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Media Availability Advisory

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First East Porterville Homes to Be Connected to Water System

- What:** A media availability to mark the “first flow” of water to East Porterville homes through a distribution system connected to a City of Porterville water source
- When:** 10 a.m. to noon, August 19, 2016
- Where:** 510 East River Avenue, East Porterville
- Who:** Resident of first home to be connected and representatives of participating State and local agencies will be available for interviews on the delivery of water to East Porterville homes where wells have gone dry in California’s five-year drought. Representatives of non-profit organizations Self-Help Enterprises, Community Water Center and Community Services Employment Training will be available, along with a Spanish-speaking spokesperson.

Dozens of East Porterville residents soon will be connected to a new, permanent, sustainable source of water through the East Porterville Water Supply Project led by the California Department of Water Resources.

The first connection is being made at 510 East River Avenue in East Porterville. The media are invited to observe and interview a homeowner, State and local agency participants and East Porterville community members.

As many as 1,800 homes in East Porterville with either no water or undrinkable, contaminated water in their wells are expected to be connected to the City of

Porterville's water system by the end of 2017. Now under way is the project's Phase IA, during which up to 70 homes will receive water from City of Porterville distribution lines that were previously installed in East Porterville streets but had not been connected to homes.

Additional information can be found at [DWR's web page devoted to the project](#):

- [East Porterville Feasibility Study Public Draft](#)
- [East Porterville Water Supply Project FAQs](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation at June 23 Community Meeting in Porterville](#)
- [Project Summary](#)

Video and still photography of Friday's activities in East Porterville will be posted here:
<https://fts.water.ca.gov/owncloud/public.php?service=files&t=b33c80ca892f89bae0e70172d2c7fc88>

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To learn about all the actions the State has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov. Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

